

the freeholders in any Roman Catholic diocese, by observing certain formalities, erect a new canonical parish, dismember or sub-divide, unite two or more, or alter the bounds of any existing parishes; and further, that the new canonical parish so formed, shall, on certain other formalities being observed, be recognized for all civil purposes.

In the present case the ecclesiastical authorities proceeded, as they claim, in conformity with these provisions of law, to the erection of a new parish known as St. Blaise, made up of parts of three existing parishes, including the part of the parish in which the Feller Institute is situated.

It will therefore be seen that the rights of the Protestant freeholders who were to be included in the proposed new Parish, are directly affected. They were entirely ignored, for if they had been considered, the petition would not have been supported by a majority of the freeholders. The objection taken was overruled and the new parish erected.

In the suit taken to set aside the decree, *not*, let it be borne in mind, as to its purely canonical and ecclesiastical bearing, but as to its civil effect under the Statute, and affecting all freeholders, Protestants and Romanists alike,—the Superior Court held that it had no jurisdiction, that the ecclesiastical authorities alone had the right to deal with such cases; this was confirmed by the Court of Appeals (Judge Hall dissenting). The case, as already stated, has been carried to the Privy Council, which granted special leave for the Appeal, and it comes before that Court directly on the question of the right of the Civil Courts to exercise jurisdiction in such matters.

OUR HELPERS.

We are pleased to notice increased liberality and larger contributions to all purposes from the Mission churches.

While all our churches are missionary churches, and their pastors missionaries, some of our brethren are chiefly or exclusively employed in the work of evangelization, looking for new openings, or making them wherever they can have access to new fields. Our general Evangelist, Rev. A. Burwash, has been busy during the year, as his report will show, with his associates, Grenier,

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